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DEVELOPMENZS. THE SHOOTDOWN OF THO U.S. AIRCRAFT OVER NORTH VIETNAM ON 28 JANUARY BEGAN WITH THE FLIGHT OF TWO F-105 AIRCRAFT FLYING SAM SUPPRESSION SUPPORT FOR AN REAC RECONNAISSANCE AIR- CRAFT OVER THE SOUTHERN PANHANDLE. THE FLIGHT OF F-1855 WAS FIRED ON BY THO SAM MISSILES AT 8586, LAUNCHED FROM A SITE LOCATED WITHIN TWO NAUTICLA MILES OF 18-881 185-53E. THE F-185S SUCCESSFULLY EVADED BOTH MISSILES AND WERE CONDUCTING AN APPROACH TO A SECOND SITE LOCATED AT 18-84N 185-47E WHEN ONE OF THE STRIKE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT AND SHOT DOWN BY AAA FIRE. BOTH THE PILOT AND THE ECM OFFICER REPORTEDLY EJECTED; HOWEVER, LATER INTERCEPT FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED NVN SAM ASSOCIATED FACILITY REPORTED \$THAT THE TWO F-105 PILOTS ARE DEAD.\$ IN THE 0700 HOUR, SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) EFFORTS WERE DIRECTED TO THE AREA OF THE DOWNED F-105 AND TWO MIG-21 AIRCRAFT REACTED FROM VINH AIRFIELD AND SUCCESSFULLY INTERCEPTED AND AT 0745 SHOT DOWN THE SAR HELI- COPTER WITH AN AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE IN THE VICINITY OF 17-40N 105-50E. THE MIG AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY HEADED NORTH; HOWEVER, ONLY ONE MIG-21 WAS NOTED RECOVERING AT VINH AIRFIELD AFTER REPEATED CALLS TO THE SECOND MIG-21 FAILED TO DRAW A POSITIVE RESPONSE. PRIOR TO, AND PROBABLY DURING, THE ENGAGEMENT, THE MIGS WERE PLACED ON ALERT AT BAI THUONG BUT WERE NOT NOTED AIRBORNE. (SEE BIG LOOK CRITIC #1-7#. 28#811Z. AND FOLLOWUPS THERETO)

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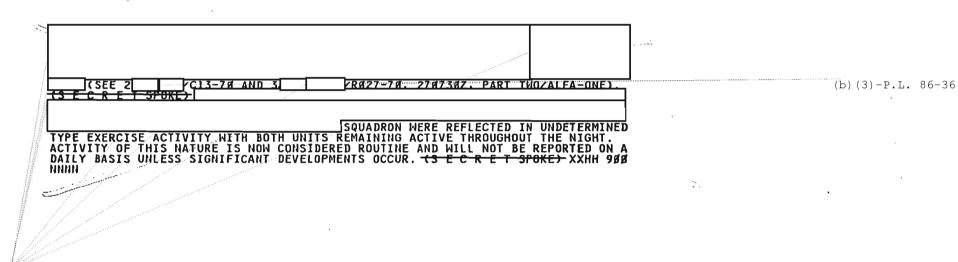
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